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To: Board of Education
From: Michelle Hilla
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Update
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➤ **New Staff Support and Year-End Reflection**

On Monday, April 20th, we held our final New Teacher Day of the school year, bringing together new staff members for reflection, support, and continued growth. The day provided an opportunity for teachers to celebrate successes, identify areas of growth, and prepare for the conclusion of the school year. We also provided tools to support staff through the final evaluation process and answer questions related to professional expectations. In addition, participants engaged in learning focused on navigating challenging conversations with colleagues and peers in the workplace—an important skill that contributes to strong team dynamics and a healthy professional culture.

➤ **District Professional Development and Strategic Alignment**

Our April 27th District Professional Development Day was a strong example of building-level leadership aligned to district priorities. Each school engaged staff in conversations and activities connected to the vision and goals for next year, which were developed through our recent MAISA Leader Series work. Staff members had opportunities to provide input, build shared understanding, and begin identifying how their daily work connects to broader district goals. This level of coherence between district strategy and building implementation is critical as we continue strengthening instructional systems and student outcomes across Chelsea.

➤ **Spring Momentum and Planning for 2026-2027**

As we move through the final stretch of the school year, the Curriculum and Instruction team is actively planning for summer learning opportunities, staff development, and key instructional priorities for 2026-2027. This includes preparation for continued implementation of our literacy initiatives, support for building improvement goals, and structures that will ensure a strong start to the next school year. We remain focused on creating aligned systems that support both staff growth and student success.

Respectfully,
Michelle Hilla
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